(c) During the period from 1-1-93 till date, the victims of the train accidents have been paid Rs. 2,76,43,183 as compensation.

(d) The following are some of the safety measures taken to check accidents, including detailments:—

(i) Nearly 17,000 drivers with less than 10 years active driving service have been specially screened and deficient drivers given out-of-course crash training.

(ii) 40,000 station staff have also been subjected to an out-of-course screening and deficient staff imparted non-scheduled training.

(iii) Regular counselling of staff is done to prevent accidents.

(iv) Stringent action, to the extent of 'dismissal' or 'removal' from service, is being imposed on staff causing serious train accidents.

(v) Safety camps are arranged for safety categories of staff. Nearly 60,000 staff attended Safety Camps and refresher training courses during the last one year.

(vi) Overdue track renewals on all important routes are being liquidated.

(vii) 500 unmanned level crossings were targetted for manning at a cost of Rs. 25 Crores during 1994-95.

(viii) The track circuiting works on Rajdhani and Shatabdi routes have been speeded up.

(ix) Carriage and wagon examination of rolling stock has been strengthened.

मध्य प्रदेश में रेल यात्री टिकट आरक्षण सुविधाओं का कंप्यूटरीकरण

530. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में अब तक कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों पर टिकट आरक्षण सुविधाओं को कंप्यूटरीकृत कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) राज्य में उन अतिरिक्त स्टेशनों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां पर वर्ष 1993–94 और 1994–95 के दौरान ऐसी सुविधा उपलब्ध कराए जाने का प्रस्ताव था; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में शुरू किये गए कार्यक्रमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफ़र शरीफ़) : (क) छह स्थान अर्थात् भोपाल, ग्वालियर, बिलासपुर, इन्दौर, रायपुर तथा जबलपुर ।

(ख) और (ग) 1993–94 में रायपुर में कंप्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण सुविधा मुहैया कराने का कार्य स्वीकृत किया गया था और यह सुविधा चालू कर दी गई है।

1994–95 में रतलाम, खंडवा, सतना कटनी, इटारसी, मुरैना, उज्जैन तथा दुर्ग के लिए कंप्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने के लिए निधि की स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई है । यह सुविधा उज्जैन में चालू कर दी गई है और, अन्य स्थानों पर कार्य चल रहा है।

Stoppage of trains at Tando

531. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of commuters travel to and fro Tanda, situated between Ramnagar and Pirumadara Railway stations of North-Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that trains originating from and terminating at Ramnagar and passing through Tanda do not stop there, thereby causing great hardship to the commuters residing in nearby villages;

(c) whether the affected residents have approached the authorities for halt of trains at Tanda; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) Tanda is not a station and no trains stop there. There was a demand for opening of a halt station at Tanda village between Ramnagar and Pirumadara stations. This proposal has been exmined, but found not justified either financially, due to meagre traffic prospects, or on passenger amenity grounds as the area is well served with road services.

Introduction of new trains for Andhra Pradesh

532. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to introduce new trains in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details of new trains under consideration for 1995-96; and

(c) whether S.C. Railway will consider introducing a late night express train between Hyderabad-Rajahmundry?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) New trains being introduced serving Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 include:—

1. Tirupati-Bombay Express (Bi-weekly)

2. Tirupati-Cuddapah Express

3. Nagorcoil-Bombay Express (Weekly) (via Dharmavaram-Wedi

4. Puri-Ahmedabad Express (Weekly) (via Vizionagaram-Raipur)

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Track fracture in South Central Railway

533. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rail track from Vijayawada to Samalkot in South Central Railway has been frequently identified as prone to "track fracture";

(b) whether it is also a fact that no steps have been taken to reduce the occurrence of track fracure in this sector; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to rectify this problem?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Necessary steps e.g. ultrasonic flaw detection of rails and replacement of defective rails have been taken to reduce the incidence of rail fractures all over Indian Railways including this sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Non punctuality of South Central Express Trains

534. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Express trains in South Central Railway are not maintaining punctuality;

(b) if so, what is the punctuality record of 'Gowthami Express' in recent times; and

(c) what steps Government propose to properly monitor the proper running of Express trains in South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Mail/Express trains in